

A Success Story:

MCH / SAFE KIDS Collaboration

State Program: Injury Prevention Program

National Health Objective: HO 15-13 Unintentional injury deaths

Block Grant Role: Supplemental Funding

Block Grant Funding Percentage: 10-49% - Partial source of funding

Block Grant Current Year Funds: \$146,334

Issue:

In Kansas, unintentional injuries is the leading cause of death for children and adolescents ages 0 - 24 years. Within unintentional injuries, motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of mortality.

Intervention:

The Local Coalition/Chapter of the Year for 2004 was awarded to the Pottawatomie/Wabaunsee County SAFE KIDS chapter. The HSHV in Pottawatomie County has been a leader in this local chapter for the past several years. Injury prevention programs and strategies include the provision of bicycle helmets for children. A young girl, who was later struck by a car in Topeka while riding her bicycle, was saved because she was wearing a helmet, suffering only minor injuries. This same HSHV provided a car seat to a parent during a post-natal visit and three months later that child was in a motor vehicle accident in another state, and was uninjured due to the restraining of the car seat.

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